--- 2/19th Pound - “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby ---

When the 1st Wartime Budget of September 1939 increased the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco from 20¢ to 25¢ per pound, the companies reduced their package sizes and “Imperial Tobacco,” Granby, overprinted RN-30 - the 1/9th pound stamp - with a 5 mm. Gothic **2/19** in a ‘one-time’ operation as **RN-45**.

RN-45 - **2/19** on 1/9th pound, perf 11, overprinted by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby in October 1939

[RN-45]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**AJD**	---	---

At the same time RN-30 was overprinted by BABN with 6 mm. dark blue Roman figures as **RN-53**.

RN-53 - **2/19** on 1/9th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / AKA** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in January 1940

[RN-53]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**AJD**	**BJD**	**CJD**
1940	**AKA**	**BKA**	**CKA**	**AKB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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By May 1940 BABN had the definitive 2/19th pound **RN-27** ready for circulation. The hidden letters on the stamp are (I-B).

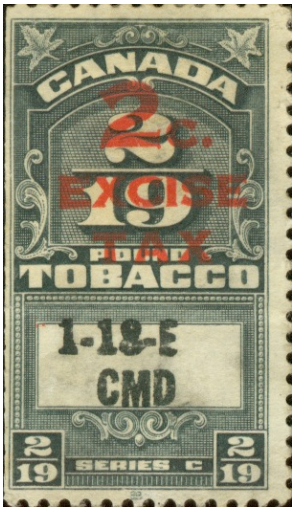
RN-27 - 2/19th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / BKB** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby in May 1940

[RN-27]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1940	---	---	---	---	**BKB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

When the Budget of June 1940 increased the excise duty on manufactured tobacco from 25¢ to 35¢ per pound, production of the 2/19th pound package apparently ceased at Granby, so the 1940 used stamp should be scarce.

When the Budget of June 1942 (while maintaining the *excise duty* at 35¢ per pound) imposed an added *excise tax* of 1¢ per ounce, or fraction thereof, on manufactured tobacco "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, surcharged their *on-hand* sheets of RN-27 with a 3 and 2 mm. two-line red Gothic **2¢ / EXCISE TAX** as **RN-72**. The collection ***does not contain*** an example of this company surcharge - **WANTED!**

For general distribution under the 1942 Budget BABN, hoping in vain for some company interest, surcharged their remaining sheets of RN-27 with a three line 6 and 3 mm red Gothic **2c. / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-140.** The cancellation collection ***does not contain*** an example used by Granby, and the example scanned below is from "Tuckett Tobacco".



RN-140 - RN-27 surcharged **2c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN for the June 1942 Budget, coded **1-18-E / CMD** by "Tuckett Tobacco", Hamilton, in December 1942

When the Budget of March 1943 doubled the *excise tax* from 1¢ to 2¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof), BABN still hoping, re-surcharged their stock copies of RN-140 with a dark blue 7 mm. Gothic **4c.** killer as **RN-201**. At an increased price, "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, resumed production of the 2/19th pound pouch.

RN-201 - RN-140 re-surcharged **4c.**by BABN for the March 1943 Budget,
coded **1-23D / BOB** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in May 1943

[RN-201]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	---	---	---	**BOB**	**COB**	**AOC**	---	---	---	---	---

Under the Budget of March 1943 BABN surcharged the perforated 2/19th pound RN-27 with their usual three-line red Gothic **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-217**.

RN-217 - RN-27 surcharged **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN for the March 1943 Budget,
coded **1-23D / COC** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in September 1943

[RN-217]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	---	---	---	**BOB**	**COB**	**AOC**	**BOC**	**COC**	**AOD**	**BOD**	**COD**
1944	**APA**	**BPA**	**CPA**	**APB**	**BPB**	**CPB**	**APC**	**BPC**	**CPC**	**APD**	**BPD**	**CPD**
1945	**ASA**	**BSA**	**CSA**	**ASB**	**BSB**	**CSB**	**ASC**	**BSC**	**CSC**	**ASD**	**BSD**	**CSD**
1946	**ATA**	**BTA**	---	**ATB**	---	**CTB**	---	---	---	---	---	---
1947	**AVA**	**BVA**	**CVA**	---	---	**CVB**	**AVC**	**BVC**	**CVC**	**AVD**	---	---
1948	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1949	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1950	**ACA**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

In 1947 legislation abolished the necessity of printing the *excise tax* on tobacco stamps, and use of the un-surcharged **RN-27** resumed.

RN-27 - 2/19th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / CVD** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in December 1947

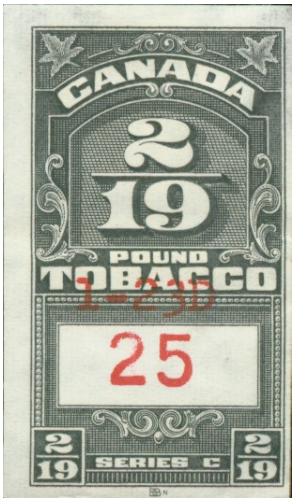
[RN-27]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1947	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**CVD**
1948	**AAA**	**BAA**	**CAA**	**AAB**	**BAB**	**CAB**	**AAC**	---	**CAC**	**AAD**	---	**DAD**

Use of the 2/19th pound stamp apparently stopped in December 1948, and did not resume until July 1957. There are, to date, no three digit Imperial Tobacco codes on the 2./19th pound stamp. When production resumes the coding is using the two digit system.

In 1951 Imperial Tobacco changed their long standing three letter date coding, and adopted a three digit code. Based on the cigarette cancellations from Imperial Tobacco, I think this new code initially reads weekly, changing to semi-monthly (from October 1952 until April 1954), and thence again reading as four per month until the two-digit monthly codes begin in June 1956. A collection purchased many years ago, stated that the numbers **129-130** and **134-138** were not used due to a plant strike, and that the numbers **148-199** were omitted when production re-started.

--- RN-28 - the *imperforate* - 2/19th pounds ---

Use of the *imperforate* 2/19th pound stamp, **RN-28**, probably began late in mid-1957. There are two varieties of the company code. An early 2½ mm. Gothic cancellation is 1-23D, while a later (and more common) 3 mm. Courier cancellation is 1–23D.



It is difficult to accurately place the two code variations. It seems that the two different type faces were used concurrently on separate production lines. Thus they are all one family!

[RN-28]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1957	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	26	27	28	29	30
1958	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
1959	43	44	45	---	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
1960	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
1961	67	68	69	70	71	---	73	---	---	76	77	78
1962	---	---	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	---	89	---
1963	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	---	99	11	---	14
1964	---	16	---	18	19	---	21	22	23	24	---	---

At this point note the following:

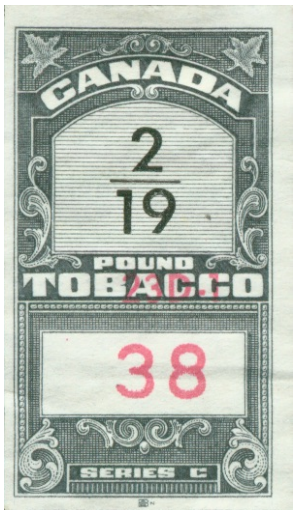
13 has been omitted - this seems to occur on all of the numbered “Imperial Tobacco” stamps
Upon reaching 99 the sequence re-starts at 11
The company code reverses to read 23D-1 at about 23 or 24

[RN-28]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	26
1965	27	28	29	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

At 30, in April 1965, **RN-258** (the new-design ***blue denomination*** Series "C") is introduced

[RN-258]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	---	---	---	30	31	32	---	---	35	---	37	---

At 38, in December 1965, **RN-288** (the new-design ***black denomination*** stamp) is in use, and at **95** the cancellation is coded **10D-6**



[RN-288]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38
1966	39	40	---	42	---	44	---	---	---	---	49	---
1967	---	52	53	---	---	---	57	58	59	---	61	62
1968	---	---	---	---	---	---	69	---	71	---	---	74
1969	---	76	77	---	79	---	81	---	---	---	---	86
1970	87	88	---	---	91	92	93	94	95	---	---	---

Late in 1970 the new ounce "Maple Leaf" Series of 1971 is introduced. Since 2/19th pounds is about 1.7 ounces, there is no direct equivalent in the ounce series of stamps.

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